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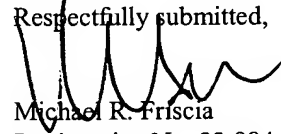
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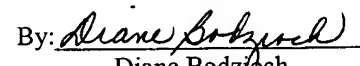
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FLETT, DOUGLAS, "Solution Purification" Hydrometallurgy, June 30, 1992, pgs 327-344, Nos. 1/3, Amsterdam, NL

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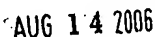
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